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1. ITALY'S PARLIAMENT HAS PASSED GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION ELIMINATING 7 OF ITALY'S 15 MID-WEEK HOLIDAYS. THE LEGISLATION WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE AFTER IT IS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT AND OFFICIALLY PUBLISHED, PROBABLY IN ABOUT A WEEK.

2. THE SEVEN ELIMINATED MID-WEEK HOLIDAYS INCLUDE TWO CIVIL
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HOLIDAYS WHICH WILL BE SHIFTED TO SUNDAY AND FIVE RELIGIOUS
HOLIDAYS WHICH MERELY LOSE THEIR STATUS AS LEGALLY-RECOGNIZED
HOLIDAYS. THE ELIMINATED OR SHIFTED HOLIDAYS ARE.

(1) JAN. 6, EPIPHANY (ABOLISHED AS LEGAL HOLIDAY)

(2) MARCH 19, SAINT JOSEPH (ABOLISHED)

(3) A THURSDAY IN MAY, ASCENSION (ABOLISHED)

(4) JUNE 2, REPUBLIC DAY (SHIFTED TO FIRST SUNDAY IN JUNE)

- (5) A THURSDAY IN JUNE, CORPUS CHRISTI (ABOLISHED)
- (6) JUNE 29, SANTI PETER AND PAUL (ABOLISHED)
- (7) NOVEMBER 4, VICTORY (OR UNIFICATION) DAY (SHIFTED TO FIRST SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER)

3. THE FOLLOWING LEGAL HOLIDAYS WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT IN ITALY AFTER THE NEW LEGISLATION ENTERS INTO FORCE:

- (1) JAN. 1, NEW YEAR'S DAY
- (2) MONDAY AFTER EASTER
- (3) APRIL 25, ITALIAN LIBERATION DAY
- (4) MAY 1, INTERNATIONAL LABOR DAY
- (5) FIRST SUNDAY IN JUNE, REPUBLIC DAY
- (6) AUGUST 15, ASSUMPTION (FERRAGOSTO)
- (7) NOV. 1, ALL SAINTS DAY
- (8) FIRST SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER, VICTORY (OR UNIFICATION) DAY
- (9) DEC. 8, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
- (10) DEC. 25, CHRISTMAS
- (11) DEC. 26, SAINT STEPHEN

4. EMPLOYEES RECEIVE 6 DAYS PAY FOR WEEKS WITH HOLIDAYS FALLING ON SUNDAY. THE LAW DOES NOT ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF COMPENSATION FOR THE RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS CONVERTED TO WORKING DAYS, LEAVING THIS TO LABOR-MANAGEMENT NEGOTIATION. THE JAN. 26 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL UMBRELLA LABOR FEDERATION CGIL-CISL-UIL AND THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION CONFINDUSTRIA (REFTEL) PROVIDED THAT EMPLOYEES WORKING ON THESE FIVE ABOLISHED HOLIDAYS SHOULD BE PAID AT NORMAL OVERTIME RATES (DOUBLE TIME) DURING 1977. THIS AGREEMENT WILL PROBABLY SET A

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